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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA DESIGNATION ON ROUTE 2

1. TWA MARKETING - PLANNING GROUP IS CURRENTLY LOOKING AT ECONOMICS OF A US-VIENNA ROUTING VIA LONDON WHICH COMPANY MAY WISH TO INTRODUCE AS EARLY AS 1975/76 WINTER TRAFFIC SEASON. TWA PLANNING IN THIS CONNECTION IS COMPLICATED BY TWO FACTORS: (1) UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING TWA'S DESIGNATION ON US ROUTE 2 OF US-UK CIVAIR BILATERAL; AND (2) REQUIREMENT THAT TWA MUST GIVE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES 60 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROUTING CHANGES BY TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS SIGNED BY US AND AUSTRIA ON MARCH 20, 1975 IN WASHINGTON.

2. OBVIOUSLY, UNTIL UK DESIGNATION QUESTION IS RESOLVED QUESTION OF AUSTRIAN ACQUIESCENCE TO US-VIENNA ROUTING IS LARGELY ACADEMIC. SINCE US DESIGNATION OF TWA ON US ROUTE
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2 AND TWA'S UK OPERATTNG AUTHORITY ON THIS ROUTE ARE CONDITIONED BY UNDERSTANDING INCORPORATED IN MEADOWS-LE GOY LETTERS OF AUGUST 24, 1966 WHICH REFLECTED SITUATION AT THAT TIME, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE BEST

APPROACH WOULD BE SEEK AT SAME LEVEL MODIFICATION THAT UNDERSTANDING TO REFLECT CURRENT SITUATION. TEXT OF PRO-

POSED LETTER FROM EMBASSY CAA TO APPROPRIATE DOT OFFICIAL (PERHAPS ROGERS) PROPOSING MODIFICATION OF EARLIER UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 BELOW. WE ARE NOT COMMITTED TO THIS APPROACH - NOR TO PARA 3 TEXT FOR THAT MATTER - IF EMBASSY CAN SUGGEST ALTERNATE WAY OF SETTLING TWA DESIGNATION QUESTION SOONEST. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY VIEWS AND COMMENTS IN THIS CONNECTION. WE WOULD IN ANY EVENT LEAVE TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION SUCH DETAILS AS WHETHER TEXT AND MODALITY OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH BEFOREHAND OR WHETHER EMBASSY CAA LETTER WOULD BE DELIVERED TO THEM WITHOUT PRIOR DISCUSSION.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

"DEAR MR. :

"I REFER TO THE US GOVERNMENT'S DESIGNATION OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES ON ROUTE 2 IN SECTION III OF THE ANNEX TO THE US-UK AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT OF 1946, AS AMENDED, WHICH WAS MADE ON AUGUST 24, 1966. I REFER FURTHER TO THE PROCEDURE SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF MAY 27, 1966 BETWEEN MR. LOY AND MR. BURNS.

"AT THAT TIME IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRANS WORLD AIRLINES DESIGNATION WAS TO ENABLE THAT CARRIER TO OPERATE MAIL AND CARGO SERVICES FROM THE STATED US POINTS ON US ROUTE 2 THROUGH LONDON TO PARIS, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY VIA FRANKFURT, IF DESIRED, SUBJECT TO FOOTNOTE (II).

"THE SITUATION REFLECTED IN THIS UNDERSTANDING REGARDING TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' OPERATIONS ON US ROUTE 2 IS NO LONGER COMPLETELY APPLICABLE. ON JANUARY 30, 1975, THE US CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD APPROVED A ROUTE REALIGN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES INVOLVING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AT CERTAIN POINTS AND TEMPORARY EXEMPTION AUTHORITY TO SERVE THOSE POINTS SUSPENDED ON THE OTHER CARRIER'S SYSTEM. AMONG THE SERVICES AFFECTED BY THE ROUTE REALIGNMENT AGREEMENT ARE US CARRIER SERVICES TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA AND TO FRANKFURT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON US ROUTE 2 OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. WITH RESPECT TO THESE SERVICES THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZED PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO VIENNA AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO SERVE VIENNA. THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ALSO

AUTHORIZED TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO

FRANKFURT. THE TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS AS APPROVED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ARE EFFECTIVE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 20, 1975 OR UNTIL 90 DAYS FOLLOWING A FINAL CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD DECISION IN THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING (CAB DOCKET 25908), WHICH EVEN OCCURS FIRST, OR UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

"IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE PROPOSE AMENDMENT OF THE UNDERSTANDING IN CONNECTION WITH TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' DESIGNATION ON US ROUTE 2 INCORPORATED IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THEN US CIVIL AIR ATTACHE MR. JOHN S. MEADOWS AND THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRADE MR. R. LE GOY. SPECIFICALLY, WE PROPOSE THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT POSSIBLE TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' COMBINATION SERVICE OVER LONDON TO VIENNA AND TO REFLECT THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' SERVICE TO FRANKFURT. WE PROPOSE FURTHER THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE MODIFICATIONS END ON JANUARY 30, 1977 OR 90 DAYS FOLLOWING A US CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD DECISION ON THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING, WHICH EACH OCCURS FIRST, OR UNLESS THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD'S TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS WITH RESPECT TO TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' VIENNA AND FRANKFURT SERVICES ARE OTHERWISE TERMINATED.

"WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THE MODIFIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE TO OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO TRANS WORLD AIRLINES' DESIGNATION ON US ROUTE 2 ARE ACCEPTABLE TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

"SINCERELY YOURS,

"THOMAS C. COLWELL." END TEXT. KISSINGER

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